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Subject: Letters of Support: Montana Main Street Program
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Ms. Miltenberger,

Attached please find two letters of support from the Miles City Historic Preservation Commission, and out partner, the Custer County Historical Society. Please share our support of the Montana Main Street Program with the members of the Joint Appropriations subcommittee in reference to the Public Hearings on HB2 held today, January 23, 2013.

Thank you,

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January 23, 2013

Ms. Molly Miltenberger, Secretary
Joint Appropriations subcommittee on General Government

Re: Subcommittee Public Hearing on HB2 in support of the Montana Main Street Program

Dear Ms. Miltenberger,

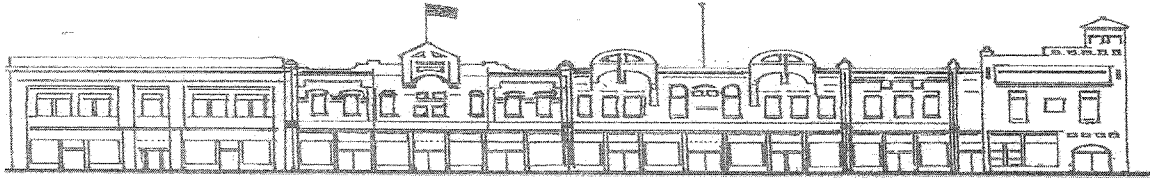
The Custer County Historical Society has served the area for over 25 years, working to preserve and enrich the cultural infrastructure and historic character of Miles City and Custer County. I have been involved with historic preservation in Miles City, Montana since the 1970's, as President of the Custer County Historical Society, Historic Preservation Officer, Chairman of the Miles City Preservation Commission, and a member of Miles City Depot Acquisition and Restoration Project (MCDARP). The CCHS Executive Board is served by an active Advisory Council from around the region and the state. In this regard, our organization stands ready to provide the expertise required to ensure the success of the Miles City "Revitalize Downtown" project.

Miles City is has been honored in having our downtown business district listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In recent years this Historic Main Street District has suffered the economic impact of devastating fires and loss of businesses due to a declining economy. To address this issue, the Custer County Historical Society supports the local Historic Commission in partnering with the local Area Economic Development Council, the City of Miles City and the local area Chamber of Commerce to find creative ways to attract investment in order rebuild. As part of our strategy, we are in the process of applying for Montana Main Street Program membership. We believe the program offer the expertise and funding we will need to develop and expand businesses in our downtown corridor, which in turn will increase the local tax base. As we began planning our revitalization program, we discovered that there is very limited funding available to assist in this effort.

The Main Street Program is important in that it allows each city to use well proven principles to design and implement the approach most appropriate to their unique situation. Funding that produces tangible results is critical to our effort, and we believe strongly that the Montana Main Street Program is important in building Montana's economy. We strongly urge your favorable consideration in funding this very important program.

Regards, 

Kathy Doeden, President



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Dear Ms. Miltenberger:

Please share our support with the members of the Joint Appropriations subcommittee for the Montana Main Street Program. We view the unique services of this program as a critical resource in our local "Revitalize Downtown" effort; and in fact for other Montana cities struggling to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing economy. If Montana wishes to retain the honor of being the "Last Best Place" we must continue to support our cities as they work to promote local businesses, preserve their cultural heritage while at the same time strengthening the tax base within our core downtown business centers.

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Miles City Historic Commission